

Bridging Public Health and Public Safety

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Evolution of System Linkage

- **Explosion of drug use in 1970's**
- **Communities not equipped to respond**
- **Justice system became catchment for clients slipping through public welfare system**

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Evolution of System Linkage

- **Justice system had no faith in treatment**
- **Justice system saw no need for treatment**
- **Justice system is compromised**
- **Community safety is compromised**

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Evolution of System Linkage

- **Federal Approaches - TASC Model**
 - bridge criminal justice and social welfare
 - move clients from justice system to community social services
 - accountability - balance treatment need with justice mandates

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The TASC Linkage System

- **Identify drug-involved offenders**
- **Diagnostic assessment of drug use**
- **Treatment planning**
- **Identify community resources**
- **Referral to treatment**
- **Monitoring for justice system**
- **Case management through care continuum**

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What has changed?

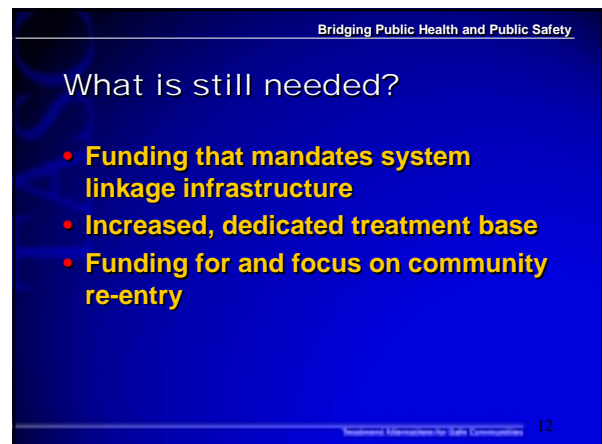
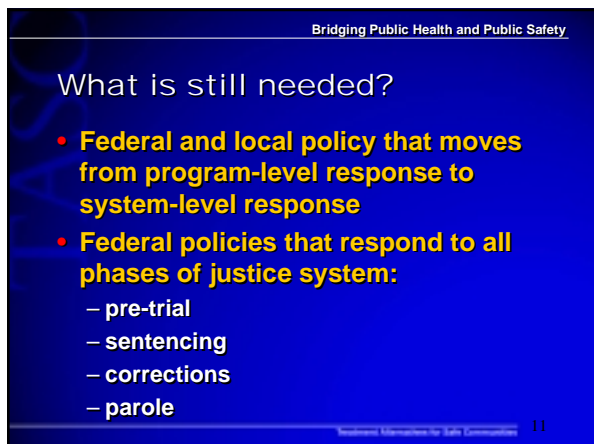
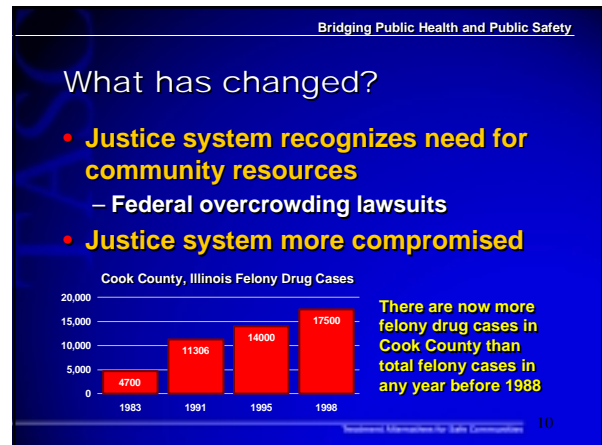
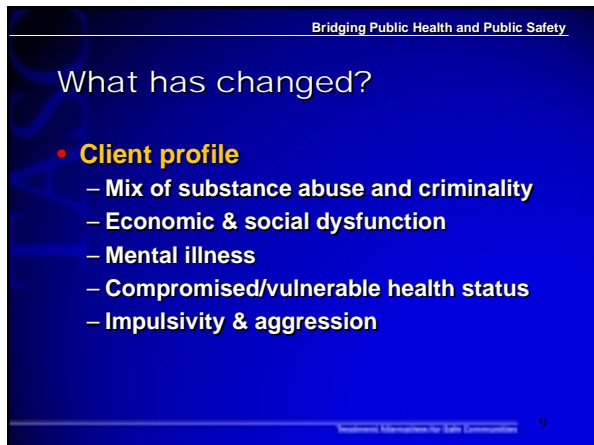
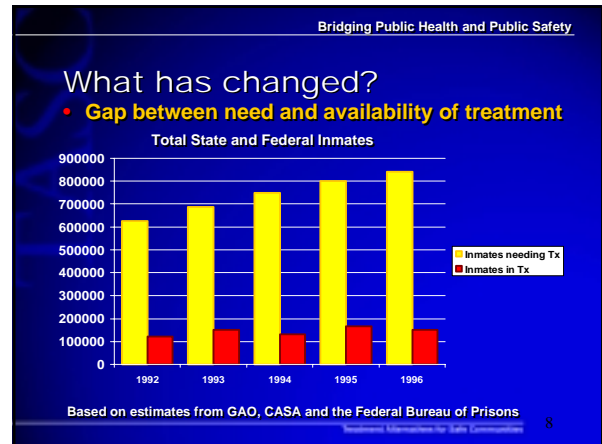
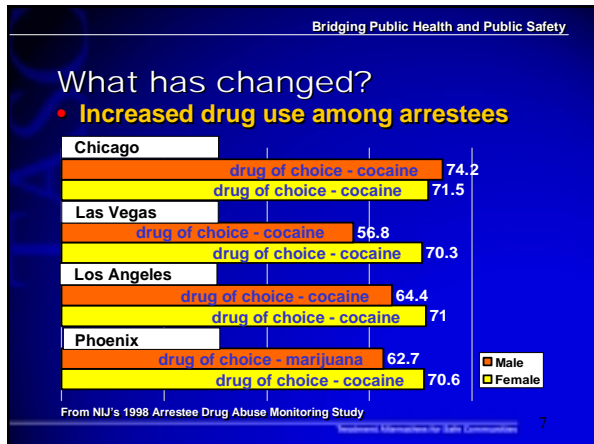
- **Escalating numbers of drug offenders**

Drug Offenders in Illinois Prisons

Year	Number of Drug Offenders
85	1000
86	1500
87	2000
88	2500
89	3500
90	4500
91	5000
92	5500
93	6500
94	7500
95	8000
96	8500
97	9000

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What is still needed?

- **Funding responsive to client treatment issues**
 - culture
 - gender
 - co-occurring mental illness
 - cognitive and behavioral problems

Recommendations:

- **Macro approach**
 - addresses drug use impact on justice populations
 - addresses treatment accessibility
- **Target priority justice populations**
- **Develop linkage infrastructure programs like TASC**

Recommendations:

- **Develop adequate dedicated community treatment resource base**
- **Cross-cultural education for justice and treatment personnel**